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## Minutes of April 2, 2008

### Open Space Committee

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

#### Minutes

**In attendance:** Joey Glushko, Lisa Decker, David White, Ann LeRoyer, Leslie Mayer, Jane Auger, Elizabeth Karpati

Meeting called to order: 7:35pm

- Minutes of March 5 meeting were reviewed, revised and approved
- OPEN SPACE PLAN has been approved (official letter to be sent)
  - Printed hard copies were distributed to committee members;
  - Discussion about the total number of hard copies needed – it was decided that a limited number of copies (20) would be printed and placed primarily in Town offices and the library;
  - A complete copy of the plan with all supporting appendices will be put on-line on the Town's website;
  - It was decided that a postcard-type handout announcing the plan and its location on the website would be drafted using the plan cover graphics and possibly the map of open spaces – this will be distributed at Town Meeting, Town Day and to all relevant town committees and officials
- Inventory of undeveloped lots
  - Joey distributed a map that identifies the locations of privately owned undeveloped lots in town (approximately 400);
  - Discussion about how to make use of the information presented and the priority for investigation;
  - It was decided to focus on the triangular quadrant in East Arlington, bounded by Pleasant Street and Mass. Ave. (that included Spy Pond and Mugar lands); Joey to generate a map zoomed into this area and the committee will then investigate the actual properties identified in this area before deciding how to proceed
- Invasive Plant Forum
  - Several groups in town are collaborating to apply for a “Non-point source pollution abatement” grant to help fund several programs, including planning for various types of rain gardens and 4-6 teaching forums that will be filmed and aired on cable
- Mill Brook Linear Park
  - Meeting with representation of the National Park Service to be held at 9am on 4/28/08 and meeting to strategize prior to the discussion w/NPS will be held at 9am on 4/11/08 in Annex 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room – all interested parties are invited to participate

- Other news/notes

- Cooke's Hollow RFP (to deal with erosion and invasives issues and a possible memorial garden) in process;
- Spy Pond clean-up is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>;

Neighbors at Menotomy plan to focus removal efforts on the invasive Garlic Mustard plant this spring

**Next OSC Meeting** – May 7 meeting to be held 7-8pm, prior to Town Meeting (Ann will be out of town)

Meeting adjourned: 9:15pm

Submitted by: Leslie Mayer